

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2356

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 9, 1982

Application of WEBB TOURS, INC.     )  
for a Certificate of Public         )  
Convenience and Necessity to       )  
Engage in General Charter and       )  
Special Operations                    )

Case No. AP-82-11

By application filed August 5, 1982, Webb Tours, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers and their baggage, in special and charter operations, between points in the Metropolitan District. 1/ Webb now holds WMATC Certificate No. 33 which contains the following authorizations and restrictions.

IRREGULAR ROUTES:

- A. CHARTER OPERATIONS, round-trip sightseeing or pleasure tours, between points in the Metropolitan District.
- B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS, limited to sightseeing or pleasure tours,
  - (1) between points in the District of Columbia, City of Alexandria, Virginia, and Arlington County, Virginia;
  - (2) from points in the District of Columbia to Mount Vernon, Virginia, and return.
- C. SPECIAL OPERATIONS, limited to shuttle service for patrons of sightseeing or pleasure tours authorized in B above, as an incidence thereto and not to include any sightseeing, from points in the Metropolitan District to join such sightseeing or pleasure tours as authorized herein, and return.

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1/ To the extent this application may be construed as embracing service between points located solely in Virginia, it is hereby dismissed. Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

## RESTRICTIONS

1. Service authorized in A and B above is restricted to the performance of such operations in British manufactured double-deck buses; provided, however, that performance of such operations may be in leased conventional bus vehicles when British manufactured double-deck buses are inoperative, and further provided that the carrier file with the Commission within five days of each leasing of conventional equipment, a written statement setting forth the date and service for which the conventional equipment was leased and the reason therefor.
2. Service authorized in C above is restricted to the performance of such operations in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed maximum seating capacity of not more than 15 passengers, excluding the driver.

Essentially, Webb now seeks to broaden its operations to include those special and charter operations which are not sightseeing or pleasure tours, to serve Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Md., Dulles International Airport and Fairfax County, Va., in special operations, and to use vans, motor coaches and double-deck buses interchangeably.

Webb's tariff contains rates for the same special operations sightseeing tours which the carrier now conducts, generally \$14 a person for tours which last a half day and \$25 for an all-day tour. 2/ For other special operations, designated as being from points in the Metropolitan District to RFK Stadium, Washington, D. C., and return, Webb would charge \$4 a person. The following schedule shows Webb's proposed charter rates for each class of vehicle to be operated. 3/

Minibuses or vans . . . . .	\$28/hour
Motor coaches . . . . .	\$35/hour
Double-deck buses . . . . .	\$44.50/hour
Deluxe double-deck buses. . . . .	\$100/hour

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2/ The fares for children under 12 years of age are 50 percent of the corresponding adult fare.

3/ All charter service is to be subject to a minimum charge for three hours of service time and one hour of garage time.

Webb's balance sheet, dated December 31, 1981, shows current assets of \$13,601, total assets of \$135,471, current liabilities of \$36,304, 4/ total liabilities of \$117,437 and net equity of \$18,034. For 12 months ending December 31, 1981, Webb had WMATC operating income of \$275,057, total income of \$373,392, total expenses of \$337,446 and a net income ratio of 9.63 percent.

Applicant's equipment list includes one van, two motor coaches, nine double-deck buses and two (leased) deluxe double-deck buses.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this matter will be scheduled for a public hearing. Webb will be assessed a sum estimated to cover the expenses which Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact requires an applicant to bear.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the above-captioned case is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence on Wednesday, September 15, 1982, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.
2. That Webb Tours, Inc., is hereby directed to publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of the application and hearing in Case No. AP-82-11, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, August 16, 1982.
3. That applicant post in each of its vehicles, continuously through the date of the public hearing, notice of this application and hearing, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, August 16, 1982.
4. That applicant produce at the public hearing affidavits of said publication and posting.
5. That applicant file no later than Wednesday, September 8, 1982, five copies of its projected annual revenue and revenue deductions statement for the proposed service, serve one copy thereof on each party of record as of Wednesday, September 1, 1982, and produce the original thereof at the public hearing.
6. That any person desiring to protest the application in Case No. AP-82-11 shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule

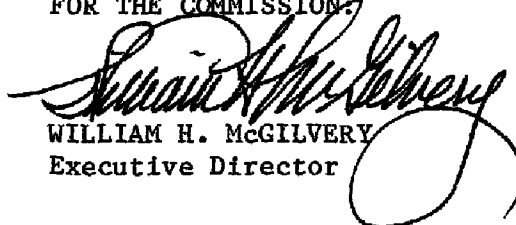
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4/ Includes \$24,304 loan from stockholders.

No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission, in writing, not later than Wednesday, September 1, 1982, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of said protest or notice on counsel for applicant, Jere W. Glover, Esquire, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

7. That Webb Tours, Inc., is hereby assessed \$500 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19(a) of the Compact and directed to deliver said sum to the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than 12 noon, Wednesday, September 8, 1982.

FOR THE COMMISSION

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director